

KINDERGARTEN

January 3, 2019

January

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday, and may the New Year 2019 bring the blessing of God's love, peace, and joy upon us all. I look forward to returning to school this month after our long Christmas break. I am anxious to see the children again, whom I missed greatly. I am sure they will return with renewed energy and excitement for learning. We have much to accomplish during the next five and a half months of school. I plan on keeping your children very focused and indulged in their daily work routine!



During the month of January, we will be stressing more phonics and developing our phonetic knowledge to initiate reading of the stories in our reading series along with supplemental resources. We will continue to build on our knowledge and ability to read rhyming families and high frequency words. I will reinforce and review the concept of sound spelling, which will further help in the development of reading readiness skills.



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In math, we will be introducing the concept of graphing and building on the concept of number patterns to work with addition and subtraction facts. In social studies and science, we have many topics we will be exploring; including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., conditions of winter, effects of climate, penguins, Eskimos, and our own Solar System. As you can see, we plan to be quite busy this month!!!!

PLEASE NOTE:

Please note on your calendars for this month that there will be no school on Monday, January 21st, which is the day we will observe Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Catholic Schools' Week begins on

Sunday, January 27th and ends on Friday, February 1st with our annual Grandparents' Day and Mass. There will be more information about these events coming home in the Parent Envelope.

I want to give a special thank you to all of the parents that assisted in the classroom prior to the Christmas vacation for our Christmas activities. An outstanding experience was had by all! I also want to thank all who participated in the outreach toy collection for children in the hospital during the Christmas season. Another thank you to those who participated in the collection for the Holy Childhood Association to help children in third world countries. Your donations helped many families that are in areas of poverty with their basic needs. Once again, thank you for your support and commitment to our school activities and outreach projects.

Sincerely,
Carol Ballard



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